

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for replacing an email attachment ~~[[of]]~~associated with an email with a call to code, the method comprising:
 - removing the email attachment from the email, ~~[[thereby]]~~and producing a stripped email;
 - storing the email attachment;
 - adding the call to the stripped email, ~~wherein the call is configured to the code that retrieves the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of the stripped email; and~~
generating the call, wherein the call is to the code that downloads the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of the stripped email; and
 - forwarding the stripped email with the call to the recipient upon activation of the call.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving a request for transmission of the email attachment in response to activation of the call; and
 - transmitting the email attachment to the recipient in response to the request.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising authenticating the request prior to transmission of the email attachment.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~[[wherein]]~~ further comprising partitioning a mail server to create ~~[[the]]~~an attachment server.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein storing comprises storing the email attachment in storage associated with an attachment server, the attachment server being configured to transmit the email attachment in response to activation of the call by the recipient.

6. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein adding the call comprises adding code to the email, the code being configured to automatically execute upon display of the email via an email client associated with the recipient, to request transmission of the email attachment.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein adding the call comprises adding a hyperlink to the stripped email, wherein the hyperlink is configured to initiate code associated with the email attachment to transmit the email attachment to the recipient.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the hyperlink, upon activation, initiates access to an Internet protocol address associated with the code for the retrieval of the email attachment.

9. (Currently Amended) A device for replacing an email attachment associated with an email with a call to code, the device comprising:

a detacher to remove the email attachment from the email to create a stripped email;

storage coupled with the detacher to store the email attachment; [[and]]

a call incorporator to add the call to the stripped email based upon the storage, wherein the call [[being configured to]]is to the code that retrieves the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of the stripped email~~[[.]]~~; and

a call generator, associated with the call incorporator, to generate the code based upon an address associated with the storage, the code being configured to transmit a request for the email attachment in response to execution of the code by an email program associated with the recipient.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9, further comprising a router protocol coupled with the call incorporator to format the email to forward to the recipient.

11. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the detacher comprises a data gatherer to determine authentication data to associate with the email attachment, the authentication data to be verified in response to activation of the call and prior to transmitting the email attachment to the recipient.

12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the storage is associated with an attachment server, [[the]]an attachment server being responsive to a request associated with activation of the call to transmit the email attachment to the recipient by the code associated with the call.

13. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the attachment server comprises a request interpreter to associate the request with the email attachment.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12, wherein the attachment server comprises a request authenticator to verify a request associated with activation of the call before transmitting the email attachment to the recipient by the code associated with the call.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the [[call incorporator comprises a]] call generator [[to]] generates a hyperlink based upon an address associated with the storage, wherein the call in the stripped email is the hyperlink.

16. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the call incorporator comprises a call generator to generate code based upon an address associated with the storage, the code being configured to automatically transmit a request for the email attachment in response to execution of the call to the code by an email program associated with the recipient[, wherein the code is the call].

17. (Currently Amended) A [[machine-accessible]]storage type accessible medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations, comprising:

- receiving an email with the email attachment;

- removing the email attachment from the email, thereby producing a stripped email;

- storing the email attachment;

- adding the call to the stripped email, ~~wherein the call is configured to the code that retrieves the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of the stripped email; and~~

- generating the call, wherein the call is to the code that retrieves the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of the stripped email; and

- forwarding the stripped email with the call to the recipient upon activation of the call.

18. (Currently Amended). The [[machine-accessible]]storage type accessible medium of claim 17, wherein the operations further comprise instructions for:

- receiving a request for transmission of the email attachment in response to activation of the call; and

- transmitting the email attachment to the recipient in response to the request.

19. (Currently Amended) The [[machine-accessible]]storage type accessible medium of claim 18, wherein the operations further comprise instructions for authenticating the request prior to transmission of the email attachment.

20. (Currently Amended) The [[machine-accessible]]storage type accessible medium of claim 17, wherein storing comprises storing the email attachment in storage associated with an attachment server, the attachment server being configured to transmit the email attachment in response to activation of the call by the recipient.